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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 11, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper. No claim amendments have been made. A copy of the original claims are provided beginning on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.